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Klein, et al.

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Title: PREPARATION CONTAINING GYPSUM FROM FLUE GAS
DESULPHURISATION, METHOD FOR USING SAME AND USE
THEREOF

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, applicants disclose herewith the documents listed on the enclosed IDC form PTO-1449. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document listed is enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents and evidence that consideration by initialing the IDC form next to each listed document.

Where a translation has not been provided for a non-English document, the relevance is explained in: (a) this application, (b) the enclosed English language search report issued by the European Patent Office in the international stage of this application (PCT/EP99/08645), and/or (c) an English language equivalent identified in parentheses in the "Country" column under Foreign Patent Documents of the enclosed form PTO-1449. It is noted that any English equivalent listed in the "Country" column under Foreign Patent Documents, is not intended to serve as a translation for the foreign patent document, but is being submitted to provide the Examiner with patent family

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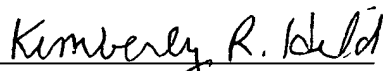
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information and to explain the relevance of the foreign patent document.

This Statement does not represent that a search was made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute prior art. Therefore applicants reserve the right to present to the Examiner the relevant facts and law regarding the status of each listed document. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish patentability of the claimed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of them be applied against the claims.

No Office Action on the above-referenced application has been received by Applicants, and therefore no fee for submitting this IDS is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-1250 if any fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is deemed necessary for the accompanying references to be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office. This Statement is provided in duplicate.

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Enclosures:

1. PTO Form 1449 w/references
2. International Search Report